

I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:10 PM.

- A. Introduction of Pages** – There were no pages for the evening.
- B. Opening Prayer** was given by Clerk Treasurer John Baughn.
- C. Pledge** - The Mayor led pledge of Allegiance.
- D. Roll Call:** Present: John Brown, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Martha Myers, and August Tindell. Absent: Robert Kittle.
- E. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting** – Ann Devore asked that the phrase “This meeting was later cancelled due to a lack of agenda.” Martha Myers moved to accept the minutes with the striking of the phrase. Ann DeVore seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. There was no unfinished business.

III. New Business requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 14, 2002, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7 .”** (M.C. Aluminum America) Vicky Gochenour introduce Donald Bell from MC Aluminum America who gave an overview of the company history. MC has tripled in size since its beginnings in Columbus. Craig Hawes said that the Incentive Revenue Committee met with the company representatives and found their application for tax abatement to be in “substantial compliance.” This company has had 10 prior abatements and this abatement will help retain 77 employees. **Craig Hawes moved to approve the resolution. Ann DeVore seconded. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**
- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 15, 2002, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 61.1-12.1-7.”** (Impact Forge, Inc.)) Vicky Gochenour introduce Robert Stevens, founder and president of Impact Forge. Mr. Stevens reviewed the history of this Columbus home grown company and told of the company's 7 previous abatements that aided Impact in growing to over 400 employees. This particular abatement will allow the implementation new technology (found no where else) while creating 10 new jobs. **Craig Hawes moved to approve the resolution. Ann DeVore seconded. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

At this time Craig Hawes submitted a memorandum for the record that lists fifteen (15) companies who have properly completed annual abatement compliance forms for the state of Indiana.

- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2002, RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION OF WATER PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH SOUTHWESTERN BARTHOLOMEW WATER CORPORATION.”** Keith Reeves, Columbus Utilities Director, explained the need for this resolution to approve an agreement between the city and Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corporation. The rate for water sold to Southwestern Bartholomew would wholesale as approved by the IURC. **George Dutro moved to approve the resolution. Ann DeVore seconded. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**
- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.____, 2002, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO IESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2002 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.”** (Fire Department) Gary Henderson withdrew this item from the agenda.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports** were given for informational purposes.

President Pro Temp, George Dutro asked the Mayor and the Board of Public Works and Safety to consider the council's concern about the street changes around Lincoln Elementary and St. Peter's Church and school. The Board has made changes that are not in conformity with the city ordinance and may place the police in a difficult position to enforce the street markings. Attorney Terry Coriden suggested that the Board's action was temporary and thus allowable. Further study will made of the item.

President Pro Temp, George Dutro also asked the Mayor to consider how the city can initiate the city's involvement in “Amber Alert.” The Mayor said that the police and county are exploring this in coordination with the state plan.

- B. Regular Meeting Scheduled for August 20, 2002.
- C. Adjourn – Martha Myers moved for adjournment. John Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.

Attest:

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer